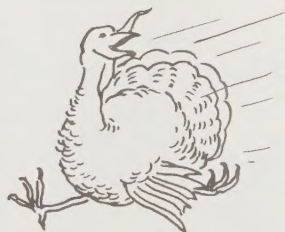


## OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS TO **CAMP ADAMS** FOR Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving celebration at Camp Adams has become a tradition for many families and individuals. Each year new people are welcomed to a happy family style event.

Again this year each person or family is asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, homemade bread and beverages will be provided by the camp cooks. The cost will be:

\$2.00 for Adults

\$1.25 for Children (4-12) Under 4 - free

We will begin at 12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day with a Cranberry Punch Bowl. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. A Thanksgiving Program will follow the dinner. Registration forms are available at local churches.

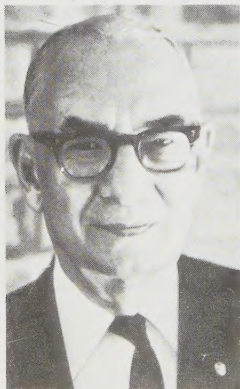


## INFLATION ERODES CHURCH GIFTS

Mr. Michael Jacobs, an economist with Continental Bank in Chicago, reports some pertinent statistics on what inflation has done to church contributions. He uses the consumer price index as a means of depicting what has happened to our dollars purchasing power. Some conclusions: If you gave \$500 in 1967 and gave the same \$500 in 1977, it is now worth \$278.40. In that same ten years if you increased your pledge 5% every year, you would now be giving \$851, but in real dollars that is only \$453.80. And again, if in that same ten years you increased your \$500 gift by 10% each year, you would be giving \$1,296 but inflation will have reduced that increase to \$722 in real dollars.

(Thanks to COLLEAGUE, October 1977)

### **The Christmas Fund** *With Eyes Wide Open!*



**FOR THE VETERANS OF THE CROSS  
and THE EMERGENCY FUND**

**THE CHRISTMAS FUND** Theme for 1977 is "With Eyes Wide Open!" The poster subject is the Rev. James E. Wagner, now retired at 77, after a distinguished ministry as a pastor, teacher, ecumenical pioneer and former Co-president of the United Church of Christ.

The Christmas Fund sends checks and Christmas greetings in the name of the Church to Conference-nominated retirees in need, to carry out affection and concern.

The Christmas Fund, administered by the Pension Boards, also helps throughout the year some ministers who actively serve. Ministers and their families hurt by illness, accident, or other tragedy beyond their own resources, receive practical help from the Emergency Fund.

The third way the Fund helps our ministers is through improving retirement benefits for qualified ministers on low pension.

Christmas Fund materials, including posters, folders and offering envelopes, will be sent

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## CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### SET FOR NOVEMBER 18-19 IN EUGENE

The Center for Environmental Action is sponsoring an inter-faith Consultation on the Church and the Environment at Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 18, and running thru 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 19.

A major purpose of the event is to share and gain theological understanding that form a framework for the church's concern for the environment. Giving leadership to this task will be Dr. James Burtness, Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, who will serve as theological resource person. His major presentation will occur on Friday evening.

Planned for lay leadership and clergy, the Consultation will seek to develop an awareness and understanding of complex environmental issues in the light of the Christian faith. Workshops on various significant ecological issues will be convened on Saturday.

Another objective of the Consultation is to equip participants as resource persons and advocates of mission opportunities within their denominations in response to environmental concerns. There will be opportunities for caucuses during the consultation.

Registration fee for the event is only \$2.00 prior to November 18, \$3.00 at the Consultation. Lodging and meals are an additional cost. If you are interested in attending, call or write Center for Environmental Action, 840 Jefferson St. N. E., Salem, Oregon 97301.

**APPRECIATION IS EXPRESSED** to the family of *Laura Salter* and members of Knight Memorial Church for the memorial they created to benefit the United Church Board for World Ministries. Married to the Rev. Edd Salter for 65 years prior to her death, Laura was Edd's teammate in many Oregon Conference parishes. Born in Esmond, South Dakota, March 17, 1888, Laura died in Salem on July 30, 1977.

*from preceding column*

automatically to all churches. Only supplies needed in addition to those in the package sent to the churches, should be ordered for the Pension Boards, United Church of Christ, 297 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10017 who handle the Christmas Fund and emergency assistance.



## DEATH CLAIMS IDAHO FALLS PASTOR

The Rev. Clyde Martin, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Idaho Falls, died suddenly on Saturday, September 24. Funeral Services were held for Mr. Martin on September 27 with Conference Minister Terry Kawata and the Rev. Ross D. Martin, son of the deceased, officiating. Mr. Martin had served the church at Idaho Falls from December 1971 until the time of his death.

As a U.S. Air Force Chaplain, he spent 26 years in service and was the first person to receive the Four Chaplain Award in memory of the four chaplains who died on the USS Dorchester in connection with his performance as the chaplain at Arlington Cemetery.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Dorothy, one son, Ross, two grandchildren and four foster children.

A memorial fund has been established at First Congregational Church for persons wishing to make a contribution.

## EUGENE YOUTH REPORT PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE '77

Sixteen young people and four adults from the First Congregational Church in Eugene spent two weeks in Hawaii during August. Calling themselves Pacific Pilgrimage '77, they began preparing for the trip last November. Money-raising activities included a gigantic rummage sale and a rent-a-youth center; these netted sufficient money for the overseas air fare. Every member prepared a study paper on one aspect of Hawaiian life and history. The group also produced an original drama, "The World, the Cross and the Crown", which they presented in several Hawaiian churches.

During the first week on Hawaii, they put in several hours of work daily on restoring some school buildings. The second week, on Oahu, found them taking daily excursions to churches, historical sites, etc.

The Pilgrimage group returned on August 22, concluding that a church adventure could be a pretty exciting experience.

## From The Conference Minister

Last month we lifted up "Spiritual Nurture" as one of the priorities voted by the Spring Assembly.

This month, let's talk about another of the priorities, viz., Church Growth.

Often we talk about "Church Growth" instead of "evangelism" because for some people the word evangelism carries all kinds of negative images. That's understandable. In the name of evangelism, Christians have done all sorts of manipulative and violative things toward other persons. But it's still too bad to give up the word evangelism because it is really a better word to describe what we are about.

The fundamental notion behind evangelism is sharing goodnews out of joy and gratitude, out of abundance and caring. Its concern is the other and not the self. It has to do with concern and caring for the other and not for institutional survival and development.

Now, you know that I do not for a moment denigrate the need for institutional development. Institutions are necessary and useful instruments for getting things done. Without a sound institutional base we are often severely limited or sometimes prevented from doing what we want. So we need to be good stewards of the institution of the church.

However, when we speak of gaining members for our church to help us pay our bills, I become very uncomfortable. Because it is saying we reach out to people not so much because we care about them but because we are worried about our church. Or, on the other hand, when our motive becomes pride in the number of skins we can hang on our belts, then that is not to care about other persons but to care more about ourselves. And all that is to use people. It violates people.

When we have known some great good, it is most natural to want it also for others. And that's what evangelism is about....to share the goodnews of God's love that others may know it and be healed, recreated, renewed and blessed by it. So, let's be about evangelism.

Again, let me invite response and input from you, that together we might help each other become better evangelists.

- Terry Kawata

## The Local Scene

Congratulations to Beulah Jennings of our Hubbard Church for the recognition given her by Dammasch Hospital. Beulah was named as one of the ten Outstanding Volunteers of the Year for Metropolitan Portland for her fifteen years as a volunteer at the hospital.

The Rev. Charles Ross, pastor at Parkrose Community Church, UCC, has been elected chairperson of the Budget Committee for the Area Agency on Aging of Columbia Region Association of Governments.

Members of the Weiser Community Churches, UCC, were joined by representatives from Idaho Association churches and Conference Minister Terry Kawata, in installing the Rev. William Hawk as their pastor on Oct. 6.

The Rev. Karl Vercouteren was installed as pastor of First Congregational Church, UCC, The Dalles, on Sunday evening, October 30. Representatives from Conference churches gathered to hear Karl read an Installation Paper prior to the Installation Service.

Installations yet to come include the Rev. Howard Hunt at Trinity United Church of Christ, Portland, on November 6; and the United Church of Christ, Ashland, will install the Rev. Rosemary Rocha on Nov. 13.

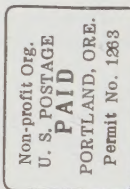
Thanks are expressed to the churches of the ASSIST Cluster for the gracious hospitality they extended to the delegates attending Fall Council.

The Rev. William Arthur has announced his resignation at Condon. He has accepted a call from the Ritzville, Washington, United Church of Christ. Bill and Mary will be leaving Condon in mid-November. We wish them well. They shall be missed.

UCC Curriculum for Church School use is available from Forest Grove UCC. Arrangements will be made. This includes Teacher's manuals and many student's books. If interested, please contact the Forest Grove UCC, 357-9121 -- or write Box 265, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 4-5	WOMEN'S CONSULTATION, Cedar Hills Community Church, Portland
Nov. 10	CHR. NURTURE CAMPING TASK FORCE
Nov. 12	CHR. NURTURE DEPARTMENT
Nov. 18-19	WESTERN REGION COUNCIL ON MISSION PRIORITIES, San Francisco
Nov. 19 9:30-4:00	WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD at Cedar Hills Com. Church, Portland
Nov. 20	CHR. N. FAMILY LIFE TASK FORCE
Nov. 24	THANKSGIVING DINNER at Camp Adams
Dec. 10	YOUTH CABINET
Feb. 10-13	YOUTH MIDWINTER



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